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### **NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE**

### **DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady on frozen, fully steady, instances firm on fresh for prompt deliveries. Limited trading was reported for fresh and frozen whole birds. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings in a full range from adequate to barely adequate. The market tone on bulk parts and meats was steady to weak. Demand was light. Supplies light to adequate, instances burdensome.

### **EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

Trading centered on tom drums, mechanically separated turkey and full-cut wings, balance slow. Demand was light. Offerings moderate, instances burdensome.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) NOVEMBER 15, 2007

#### **CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	VOLUME	FORV	VARD SHIPM	ENTS 6/	<b>OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/</b>		
			AVG	(000)	WTD	VOLUME	DEL.	VOLUME	DEL	
8-16 LB HENS					AVG	(000)	PER	(000)	PER	
EASTERN REGION 3/	94-96	94.5-96	94.93	280						
CENTRAL REGION 4/	94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION 5	/ 94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					-	-	-	-	-	
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION	94-96	94.5	94.50	120	-	-	-	-	-	
CENTRAL REGION	94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION	94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) NOVEMBER 16, 2007

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8-16 LB HENS				, ,		• •		, ,	
EASTERN REGION 3/	94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	94-96	-	-	-	93.00	40	DEC	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5	/ 94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	NOV
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	94-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1/</sup> May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

<u>WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS</u>, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

<b>WEEK OF NOV 16, 2007</b>	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	94.93	96.60 **	101.00
CENTRAL REGION	95.38 **	96.67	101.36
WESTERN REGION	95.38 **	96.60 **	100.95 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	94.50	96.60 **	101.00
CENTRAL REGION	95.38 **	96.67	102.00
WESTERN REGION	95.38 **	96.60 **	100.95 **
**BASED ON OFFERS			

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTIT</b>	<b>TUTIONS</b>
	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	125-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	122-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	121-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	121-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	121-149

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L. A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

RANGE
120-129
96-102
96-97
96-97

### **NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**

Price (cents/lb.)

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS (prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 19-NOV-2007

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PRICED AT TIME O	F SALE				
8-16 lbs.	111.28	28,660,000			
16-24 lbs.	108.28	24,280,000			
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED					
8-16 lbs.		650,000			
16-24 lbs.		344,000			

Total Volume: 53,934,000

Volume (lbs.)

# TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 10-NOV-07 (Preliminary)

	Young Pct	/s Avq	Old Banded	Total tu		
-Thousar	nd Head- Pro	_	-		nd head	Avg Live wt
North East	955	1	23.71	(A)	956	23.71
South Atlantic	807	-2	32.22	(A)	808	32.22
North Central	2,513	3	31.49	(A)	2,514	31.49
South Central	962	-16	17.08	(A)	963	17.08
West	701	-15	23.58	(A)	701	23.58
U.S. total	5,938 (B)	-4	27.07	4	5,942	27.07
To-date						
2007	211,764 (B)			233	211,997	
To-date						
2006	207,066 (B)			202	207,268	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 41,000; for the current year to date 1,057,000; for last year to date 1,216,000.

## **TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(In thousand pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	538,674
November 1 - 10, 2007	182,390
To date 2007	4,702,977
To date 2006	4,624,187
Preliminary	

## LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 10-NOV-SEP-2007 (Preliminary)

	You	ng	Young	Old	Total	
	Hens	ens Toms		lers	Turkeys	
		Thou	sands			
Head	2,705	3,192	41	4	5,942	
Avg Wt	16.46	36.06	26.85	24.49	27.07	
Last week	2,713	3,454	17	13	6,197	
Same wk yr ago	2,835	2,964	62	0	5,861	
Avg Wt	16.22	36.00	30.69	0.00	26.38	
To-date/2007	90,642	120,065	1,057	233	211,997	
To-date/2006	89.082	116.768	1.216	202	207.268	

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 NOVEMBER 2007.

The market tone on white meat was steady to instances weak. Demand light to instances moderate best on frozen scapula at the lower trending price levels. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome. Most processors working holiday schedules next week. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate with instances of buyer caution noted in response to competitively priced alternative ingredients. Offerings light and spotty. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to weak with some processors continuing to struggle to move excess supplies. Demand light. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome. Trading slow to instances moderate, best for export. For domestic: frozen -20% -60 days age MST 12 shipping point for pet food, fresh -20% MST 13.50 pet food, livers 22 pet food, tails 31, frozen thigh trim 40 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 57-58, scapula 75 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/ BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	135.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	61.00		61.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH	58.00-59.00		58.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	58.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00-50.00		47.56	289
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	46.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	58.22	180
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	67.00-70.00		68.00	60
NECKS, TOM	54.00-57.00		55.10	84
NECKS, HEN		F	53.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	205.67	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/		W	200.00	12
THIGH MEAT	96.00		96.00	40
THIGH MEATFRESH	96.00-97.00		96.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.50	400
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	72.00		72.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	194.50	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH		W	187.00	34
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	13.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	17.50-18.00		17.75	400
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	60.00	160
TAILS	29.00		29.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-14.50		14.25	416
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	95.00	40

<sup>1/</sup> CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

<sup>2/</sup> Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

<sup>3/</sup> Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

<sup>4/ 15-20%</sup> fat with skin added.

<u>NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS</u>, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 NOVEMBER 2007.

The market tone on tom drums was mostly steady with some spot weakness noted on smaller sized product into export channels. The market tone on tom full-cut wings was steady to barely steady and tom necks steady to instances weak. Demand moderate on tom drums for domestic and export shipments with interest noted from Africa and Asia, light to instances moderate on the balance of tom bulk parts. Offerings of tom drums light to mostly adequate, tom wings adequate to fully adequate and tom necks adequate to instances ample. The market tone on breast trim was steady to instances weak and scapula steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate, best on scapula. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome. Trading was slow to moderate, best into export channels. Fresh tom drums traded at 57-58 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	135.00	20	135.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/ BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	158.00-190.00		174.00	160	174.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	61.00	2	60.05	42
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH	59.00-60.00		59.33	120	59.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		Т	58.00	40	58.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00-49.00		48.33	120	47.79	410
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	46.00	20		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00-58.00		57.75	160	57.75	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	68.00	60	68.00	60
NECKS, TOM	56.00		56.00	80	54.89	285
NECKS, HEN	54.00		54.00	40	54.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	205.67	27		
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/		W	200.00	12	200.00	12
THIGH MEAT		R	96.00	40	96.00	40
THIGH MEATFRESH		R	96.50	40	96.74	152
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.50	400		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	72.00	80	75.20	100
TENDERLOINS		F	194.50	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH		W	187.00	34	187.00	34
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40	17.77	495
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	60.00		60.00	432	60.00	432
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	48.00		48.00	52	48.00	52
TAILS		R	29.00	52	29.22	92
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	312	15.43	728
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	95.00	40		

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